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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER
O'KENNEDY

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ADDENDUM TO BILATERAL PAPER FOR SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER O'KENNEDY:

3. MEETING BETWEEN BRITISH AND IRISH PRIME MINISTERS

US OBJECTIVES: TO ENCOURAGE CLOSE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE UK, ESPECIALLY REGARDING
NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUES.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: IRISH PRIME MINISTER JACK LYNCH MET
WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN IN LONDON SEPT. 28 - THEIR
FIRST MEETING SINCE LYNCH'S ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. FOREIGN
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MINISTER O'KENNEDY WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS ISSUED STRESSED THE CORDIAL
RELATIONSHIP AND SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS ON IMPORTANT WORLD AND BILATERAL ISSUES. MOST
OF THEIR CONVERSATION WAS DEVOTED TO NORTHERN IRELAND.
LYNCH DID NOT PRESS CALLAGHAN TO DEFINE LONG-TERM BRITISH

INTENTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HOWEVER, LYNCH RECEIVED

ASSURANCES THAT THE UK WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INTEGRATE
NORTHERN IRELAND FULLY INTO THE UK; POWER SHARING AND
SOME RELATIONSHIP (UNDEFINED) BETWEEN THE PARTS OF
IRELAND ARE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF BRITISH POLICY; AND
THE BRITISH WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC LABOR PARTY, AS THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE CATHOLIC MINORITY IN ULSTER NOR TO DIVIDE THE
CATHOLICS POLITICALLY.

POINTS TO BE MADE: --ASK HIS ASSESSMENT OF TALKS BETWEEN
PRIME MINISTERS CALLAGHAN AND LYNCH. CHRISTOPHER

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